



On August 5, 2009, the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) voted to adopt its preferred alternative proposal, also known as the Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA), for the MLPA north central coast study region. The IPA establishes 24 marine protected areas (MPAs) covering approximately 153 square miles (20.1%) of state waters in the north central coast study region, which extends from Alder Creek, near Pt. Arena, to Pigeon Point, in San Mateo County. Approximately 86 square miles (11%) of the 153 square miles are designated as "no take" state marine reserves, while different take allowances providing varying levels of protection are designated for the rest.

These MPAs take effect April 1, 2010.

